

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoichi OKAMOTO et al.

Appln. No.: 09/398,006

Filed: September 16, 1999

For: PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRES



Group Art Unit: 1733

Examiner: A. JOHNSTONE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

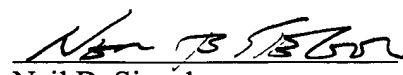
Sir:

This follows an election of species requirement of December 14, 2000. The applicant hereby elects the first specie, namely Figure 5 without traverse. The claims readable on that specie are claims 1-7. Please cancel remaining claims ~~8-23~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to file any divisional applications on the non-elected species. It is noted that there are no generic claims in the case and that each of the species set forth in the application are in fact distinct embodiments covered by individual sets of claims. An examination on the merits of claims 1-7 is respectfully requested.

This response is timely filed because January 14, 2001, fell on a Sunday and the following Monday, January 15, was a Federal Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,


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